

Monday, June 23, 1958 - 8 p. m.  
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THE COOPERATIVE FORUM DISCUSSION

Chairman of the evening -- (2-3 minutes)  
Dr. Edwin G. Nourse  
Opening announcements --  
(see page 1 attached) 25X1A9a  
Speakers --  
Mr. Thomas B. Larson

Time limit for each speaker: 15 minutes

Subject -- "Why is the gross national product of the USSR  
increasing while that of the USA is decreasing?" (5 minutes)  
7th Inning  
(see page 2 attached) Dr. Nourse

Discussion period -- to be handled by the chairman of the evening  
(See cards listing persons in the sequence they are to be called on for questions)

- Before beginning this period, please announce firmly that:
- (1) Both questions and answers must be delivered so that every person in the room can hear easily.
  - (2) Each question must be extremely brief and to the point. Answers, too, should be brief. The objective is maximum audience participation. The questioner should say to which speaker he is addressing his question.

Call the names of 4 persons from the first 4 cards, saying that they will be called on to ask the first 4 questions. Then announce that "the first question will be from (reread the full name) who is (read full title)". When No. 1's question has been answered, say "the second question will be from (read name and title)". After No. 3's question has been answered, read the names of the next 4 persons so that they may be "alerted" before No. 4 asks his question.

Continue this procedure until 9:50 pm. (This is known as "the Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney Method" because it was first introduced here by him. It enables the questioners to be prepared and makes it easier for the chairman to maintain control.)

When closing time draws near, we often use "the Dr. Stuart A. Rice Method": Any remaining questions are accumulated by the speakers and they then answer all or any part of them they wish. (This consolidation is a time-saving device which enables more of those present to ask brief questions requiring a minimum of time to answer.)

Closing announcements -- (2-4 minutes)  
(see page 3 attached) Dr. Nourse  
Thanks to the speakers and other participants / (2-4 minutes)

The meeting should adjourn promptly at 10 p.m.